

Subject: Re: Street sweeping "not at all clear"

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Sarah,

Thank you for your response and interest in this matter of clean streets and parking.

As you may be aware, I have been working with Catherine Landers in your office and Benny Carranza of BSS on this very issue.

We wish to resolve the parking issues that arise from the Monday and Tuesday afternoon street sweeping in the business district by eliminating sweeping during those hours.

We believe this would save resources and money for the City with BSS, in other words a "win-win".

Thanks,

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On Nov 2, 2017, at 2:20 PM, Sarah Dusseault wrote:

Ron,

Wanted to let you know we received your note and agree. We are working on the Bureau of Street Services street sweeping issue!

Our team will keep you informed as we put in a council motion to move forward.

Thanks,

Sarah



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On Fri, Oct 27, 2017 at 3:21 PM, Ron Groeper <ron@groeperphoto.com> wrote:

Ron,

I met you briefly on Sept. 28th at our Annual Meeting of the Hollywood Media District of which I am a Board member.

At that time, you spoke briefly to us about your outline for your plan to bring more services to the homeless community temporarily but immediately.

I personally support such a plan for using city property with lockers, food service, toilet facilities and other support services for our more vulnerable population.

On this Thursday, October 26, I read with interest an article in the LA Times indicating that you thought that the Bureau of Street Service approach to sweeping streets "was not at all clear". In fact, BSS has no idea of what the street sweeping routes are. I have asked BSS if they have any sort of map to indicate such and I was told it does not exist.

Furthermore, the City of LA has no idea of what No Parking restrictions are in place on any given street; that map does not exist with DOT either. Since parking is of great importance in our great city, I believe resources should be put to use to guide not only residents and businesses but the City itself in the best use of it's streets.

Of course, money is a resource too and I realize that budget is one of our biggest problems. Recently, I have been strongly advocating the removal of the No Parking Monday and Tuesday 12 Noon - 3pm Street Sweeping signs in our Hollywood Media District to free up more parking for our businesses. I was advocating a Monday thru Friday approach to street sweeping with No Parking from 4am to 6:30am signage on those days (such as it is on my stretch of McCadden Pl.). Since our BID cleans our own streets with LABT, saving the City money, we really didn't care that much about the street sweeping at all, so we really just wanted the 4am to 6:30am signs. Why? Two reasons: according to our BID rules we cannot diminish City services per se and also to discourage the motor homeless that have been lately occupying a lot of our available parking. But No Parking 4am to 6:30am M - F Street Sweeping signage would release the

limited amount of sweepers to clean residential streets during the daytime thus saving the City money by LABT doing it. However, since an overall map with BSS has not been available, this realignment of sweeping has been bureaucratically stalled. We hope that it will be instituted soon and I am continuing to work toward that goal with BSS.

Good luck with all your endeavors as well.
Keep up the good work.

Thanks!

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